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Mr. Andrew McGilvray
Executive Secretary
Foreign-Trade Zones Board
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Room 2111
Washington, D.C. 20230

Attn: Ms. Elizabeth Whiteman

Re: Foreign-Trade Zone 82

Applications for Subzone Authority

ThyssenKrupp Steel and Stainless Steel USA, LLC

Notice of Public Hearing and Reopening of Comment Period

Dear Mr. McGilvray:

In response to the above referenced *Federal Register* notice of August 3, 2009, the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ) hereby requests to participate in the public hearing in connection with above-referenced application scheduled for September 10, 2009.

The National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones is the principal organization and voice of the foreign-trade zones program in the United States. NAFTZ's 640 members include manufacturers, distributors, and service providers from the private sector as well as state and local governments, chambers of commerce, port authorities and others that sponsor zones to promote economic development throughout the nation. Zones employ more than 350,000 workers.

The NAFTZ's testimony will discuss the trade policy issues under consideration in the above referenced subzone application, including the important public policy objectives of the FTZ program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Willard Berry

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